GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EDUCATION UPTO MIDDLE CLASS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no arrangements for education upto middle class within a radius of 8 kilometres to the 46 percent population in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the position in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have allocated funds for making arrangements to impart education upto middle class in the rural areas of the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the estimates in regard to amount actually spent thereon;

(f) whether it is also a fact that only 5.04 percent of habitations with less than 18 percent of the population has secondary schools within reach; and

(g) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) : According to Sixth All India Educational Survey (1993),conducted by NCERT, 94% of the country's rural population has primary schooling facilities within 1 km. and 85% of the rural population has upper primary schooling facilities within 3 km.

(c) to (e) : The Government had launched a number of programmes/schemes like Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education, Non-formal Education, Mahila Samakhaya, National Programme for Nutritional Support for Primary Education (commonly known as Mid-Day Meals Scheme), DistrictPrimary Education Programme, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and State specific projectssuch as Lok Jumbish and Shiksha Karmi Project in Rajasthan, Bihar Education Project in Bihar and Basic Education Programme in Uttar Pradesh to expand education facilities, improve school environment, enhance retention and learning achievement of children. The Government had allocated a sum of Rs.16369.59 crore in the 9th Five Year Plan. The amount actually spent is Rs.14523.28 crore.

(f) & (g) : 77.91% of the rural population has secondary schooling facilities within 5 km as per Sixth All India Educational Survey, 1993, conducted by the NCERT.